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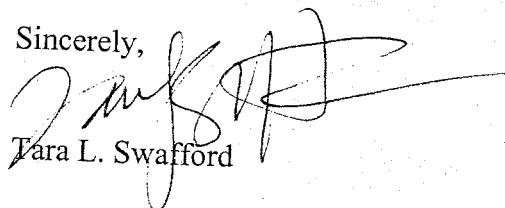
**Re: US LEC Interconnection Request
Docket No. 00-00026**

Dear Richard:

Pursuant to the voice message Henry Walker and Dale Grimes left with you on Friday, November 30, 2001, this letter confirms that US LEC is going to withdraw its pending §251(f)(1) request to TDS as the request currently on file with the TRA is incorrect. Accordingly, TDS will not file any response today, December 3, 2001. Rather, Henry Walker indicated that US LEC would be filing a new § 251(f)(1) request at some time later in this week and that the new request will restart the 120 day period. TDS will respond to that request once a new procedural schedule for the docket is established.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Tara L. Swafford

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cc: R. Dale Grimes, Esq.
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